

# THE FLAT HAT

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## TRINITY COLLEGE ON MONDAY'S SCHEDULE. FINE GAME RESULTED

Brooks, Jones and Shiers All Took a Turn in the Pitcher's Box, But Victory was too Elusive

William and Mary went down under the assaults of the Trinity nine on Monday. Brooks began the game on the slab, the Trinitians batting in four runs in the 2-3 innings before he was relieved by Jones.

In the first Anderson singled, and Thomson's hit gave the visitors their first score. In the locals' half Dix led off with a bingle, but was caught off second. Garth got a life on Thompson's error, scoring on a steal and another error. Games and Hubbard were safe on errors in the second, scoring on Addison's sacrifice. Three miscues, a base on balls, and a home-run then put the score 4-3 for the Tarheels, but Jones went in and stopped the slaughter, and at bat in the next inning sailed a pretty tripple into centerfield, tying the score on a passed ball. Goose eggs were dished up all around till the seventh, when with Shiers on the slab Forshee and Thompson hit safely. Garth held the next grounder to keep the men on third, but made a bad throw to first allowing the visitors to cop the game 6-4. Only seven innings were played, that the Trinitians might catch a train.

### SUMMER SESSION ARRANGED

The Summer Session of the College has now been arranged in detail. Situation, faculty and courses of study are all now definitely settled. The term will be held at Dublin with the following courses: mathematics, physics, English, modern languages, biology, history, education, philosophy, and physical training.

Professor John W. Ritchie, Director, has prepared some attractive and interesting pamphlets and announcements which are being sent broadcast to prospective students and a large enrollment is expected.

Expenses have been so prepared as to allow a student to attend at reasonable cost, and with the desired comforts. As has already been fully explained full college credits toward degrees will be given for all courses completed thus, enabling one to combine the pleasure of a summer resort in the mountains with the benefit of making several points toward a degree.

## BEST GAME OF THE SEASON PLAYED SATURDAY WITH MEDICAL COLLEGE

Four old William and Mary Stars on Visiting Team. No Score Until Eighth Inning

The Orange and Black was defeated Saturday in a hot contest with the Medical College of Virginia, Ayre, who is pitching such sensational ball in the Virginia League, was on the mound for the visitors, and found a worthy opponent in Shiers, who twirled for the locals, the former having a shade the better of the duel. Not a pass was issued throughout the game, the Sawbones getting five hits and the locals four. Twelve stickmen bit the dust before Ayers, Shiers fanning six, each yielding three hits in the first seven innings, up to which time neither side scored.

### SORROW IN THE EIGHTH

In the eighth Games fozzled Mauck's hard bouncer, Tucker sacrificing him to second. Ayre singled and Mauck scored. Schenck's grounder was fumbled in the ninth, and Hoskins' single let him in. Johnny stole second, and Lewis drove a whiskered one through the box, giving the visitors count number three. Sumsell's single scored the kid.

The Orange and Black fought hard, and threatened many times, but the splendid pitching of Ayre always turned the trick the other way. The crowd was held in suspense for the full nine periods.

Ayre was the whole show for the Medicos, Lewis and Hoskins also playing a good game. For William and Mary, the batting of Games, Shiers' work on the slab and the fielding of Garth featured for William and Mary, tho' the all 'round work of the team was of championship speed.

### MEMORIAL DAY

Monday afternoon the annual Memorial Day exercises were conducted in the yard of Bruton Parish Church under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Rev. Dr. J. T. Whitley, pastor of the Methodist Church, made the principal address, and in a beautiful way expressed the glory of the Confederate Cause. A profusion of flowers were brought by the ladies, and banked around the monument on the Palace Green.

## VIRGINIA STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST HELD AT THE COLLEGE ON FRIDAY

For First Time In Eight Years, Mr. Heavener of Washington and Lee Won the Victory

Not since eight years has there been gathered at William and Mary such a galaxy of orators as on Friday night when seven members of the Virginia State Oratorical Association lowered their colors to the Washington and Lee University, represented by Mr. C. P. Heavener.

Mr. Heavener's oration entitled, "The Power of Ideals" was a masterpiece of eloquence well delivered, and he received ovation after ovation from the students of the College when the judges, Rev. D. Clay Lilly, of Richmond, Rev. David W. Howard, of Norfolk, and Hon. Saxon W. Holt, of Newport News, announced their decision in his favor. The contest was closely contested and full of variety, ranging from the high idealism of Mr. Heavener to the practical problem of the negro in the South presented by Mr. W. S. Deyerle, of Randolph-Macon.

Dr. James Southall Wilson presiding, introduced the speaker.

### PROGRAMME

"The Flower of Western Civilization," S. M. B. COULLINGS, JR., Hampden-Sidney.

"A Protest Against Literary Decadence," FRANK GAINES, Richmond College.

"A Hero of the South," H. F. DAVIS, Roanoke College.

"The Power of Ideals," C. P. HEAVENER, Washington & Lee.

"The Mission of America in the Orient," R. S. FULTON, University of Virginia.

"The Great Commoner," T. G. LITZ, Emory & Henry.

"The South's Greatest Problem," W. S. DEYERLE, Randolph-Macon.

"The Scholarship of Service," A. W. JAMES, William and Mary.

### MONEY TAKEN FROM GYMNASIUM

Saturday afternoon sixteen dollars and a fountain pen were taken from the locker of Mr. William J. Alfriend. This is but one of similar thefts committed there this session, and has been very generally deplored. It is not known whether the theft may be attributed to some in the Student-body, which is doubtful, or to some of the little town boys and negroes. Some means of detection will be soon formulated.

## RECEPTION AND DANCE GIVEN TO VISITORS IN THE ORATORICAL CONTEST

Reception in the College Library, German in the Gymnasium at Eleven thirty o'clock

After the Virginia Oratorical Contest Friday evening a reception was given in the College Library to the representatives of the various colleges. Together with the College community were many ladies and gentlemen of Williamsburg. After the reception a german was given in the Gymnasium from half past eleven until three o'clock by the German Club. The attendance at this was not large, but the dance was enjoyable in every way.

### LIST OF THOSE PRESENT

In addition to the guests of honor there were present the following: Mrs. Moncure with Mr. Barrow, Miss Nora Macon with Mr. Daingerfield Spencer, Miss Elizabeth Macon with Mr. Tilley, Miss Sadie Harrison with Mr. Parker, Mrs. Miles with Mr. Jackson, Miss Mary Lyon Tyler with Mr. Goodwin, Miss Mary Henley Spencer with Mr. Wright, Miss Moncure with Mr. Hubbard, Miss Mary Branch Spencer with Mr. Meredith, Miss Laura Spencer with Mr. Tucker, Miss Florine Kinney with Mr. Dold, Miss Barnes with Mr. Koontz, Miss Hundley with Mr. Lee, Miss Bessie Spencer with Mr. Vaden, Miss Ware with Mr. Deal, Miss O'Keeffe with Mr. Campbell, Miss Florence Sweeney with Dr. Hall, Miss Nan Gray with Mr. Peachy, Miss Lula Brooks with Mr. Lackey.

Stags—Messrs. Pretzman, Turner, Peachy Spencer, Nourse, Willcox and Miller of Richmond.

Others present were Mrs. Armistead, Miss Warburton, Dr. Tyler, Colonel and Mrs. Lane, Dr. and Mrs. Booth and Miss Clara Booth.

### MR. PEATROSS ADDRESSES BROTHERHOOD

Mr. L. A. Peatross, '10, now a student in the Theological Seminary of Virginia addressed the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the Parish House on Sunday evening. The subject upon which he spoke was 'The Call to the Ministry' and he presented it in an excellent manner. He will be at the Kappa Alpha House during his visit, and may be seen there by any of the young men who are thinking of entering the ministry of the Church.



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## CENTENARY OF A GREAT POET

This is the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of one of England's greatest poets, Robert Browning. Every nation in the world will do him honour on this day; and it is well. To have written 'My Last Duchess,' 'The Last Ride Together,' and 'Evelyn Hope' is to have reared a monument more enduring than bronze.

## SENIOR PRIVILEGES

From the beginning of this year THE FLAT HAT has desired exceedingly to express itself on the subject of Senior privileges, or to be more exact, on the subject of the want of Senior privileges at the College. Owing, however, to the inevitable imputation of personal interest that would have resulted, this late, but good day has been awaited.

It would appear to be nothing if not right, just, and proper that a young man who has attended classes here for four years and upwards, and finally reached the highest rank of an undergraduate, should have something more than the course of action prescribed and allowed to the humblest duc in school. Else, what is the advantage of being a Senior? What is the reward for having attained to the highest? What is the inducement held out to lower classmen to struggle to that station? Certainly there might be something other than the bare possibility of

receiving a degree in June. Some will say that democracy forbids; but those who do are simply avoiding a desired change by hiding behind a nice and much cherished theory. The world does not allow itself to be so restricted. Degrees of power and privilege are the means of inspiration in real life, and also one of the means whereby monotony is avoided. It is too late now to make amends to the present Senior Class, but next year it would be a felicitous thing if the graduating class were allowed just a few distinctions; and that one which above all others rises up and clamours for recognition is the sweet privilege of NOT attending Chapel.

## THE RESTORATION OF THE PALACE

Since it was suggested that the Wren Building be restored to its primal beauty, it may be likewise urged by the HAT (whose recommendations invariably go the way of all youthful hopes) that the old Royal Palace be reared from a long repose. It has been rumoured that some changes would be made soon in the Mathew Whaley School, and when that comes about, it would be gratifying to all lovers of Colonial History, and of Williamsburg to see the Palace rebuilt. The extra cost would be nominal, and the addition to the City and College tremendous. The description left by the Rev. Hugh Jones, together with the old foundations and the pictures still extant of the wings are sufficient to guide an architect in the reconstruction of that noble structure whose great lantern on birth nights and during fetes lighted the entire City, and whose portly and comfortable appearance was as genteel as any of its prototypes in the Old World.

Members of the Senior Class most unquestionably are neither believers in home missions nor philanthropy. When they are willing to pay eight dollars apiece to have their beautiful (if not classic) faces appear in the Colonial Echo it is reasonable to suppose that there is either an abnormal amount of egotism abroad in the land, or a reckless Brewster-like ambition to throw money at the birds.

One thousand men were in the New York suffragette parade. How remarkable! Everybody around here thought that there were more idiots in New York than that. Congratulations, little sister!

Boys will be boys, but you all had better play in your own back yard, and leave that Institute alone. Such cantankerousities will in the end make you a mangle-mangle of tomfoolery.

Pay your subscription now. This paper cannot run without money even if it is run for charity.

## LETTER ON GERMAN QUESTION

Editor of THE FLAT HAT,

Dear Sir:

Feeling that the attitude of Theta Delta Chi toward the fraternity Germans during Finals has been misrepresented, and is generally misunderstood, we would like to have space in your paper to state the facts in the case for the benefit of those who do not know them.

It has not been the policy of our Charge to give a Final German since June, 1907. Last year it was decided that we wanted to give a German during Finals, but we were unable to get a night for that purpose. Whereupon, at the instigation of our Charge, a council, composed of

delegates chosen from four of the fraternities represented at the College, was called to consider the advisability of drawing up a written agreement between the fraternities by which three could entertain each Finals, one agreeing to drop out each year in case all four wanted to give Germans.

This plan was agreeable to the representatives of all four of the fraternities last year, but on account of negligence the matter was not pushed to conclusion.

It was taken up again this year, though it was found through their representatives that two of the fraternities had changed their minds

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#### IN AND OUT OF COLLEGE TOPICS

Miss Georgie Barrow, of Smith-  
field, has returned home after spend-  
ing several days with her brother,  
Mr. Theophilus Barrow, Jr.

A tablet marking the Westham  
Armory, which was used during the  
Revolution was unveiled Saturday  
afternoon at five o'clock. This his-  
torical site is near Richmond, on the  
country estate of Mr. George Call  
Scott, and was marked by the Asso-  
ciation for the Preservation of Vir-  
ginia Antiquities. Dr. Lyon G. Ty-  
ler, President of the College, deliv-  
ered the address of the occasion.

Mr. Roy Deal spent Friday, Sat-  
urday, and Sunday in Norfolk.

Mr. Joe Pretzman has returned  
from Newport News where he spent  
several days last week.

The Hall Room Girls, and Messrs.  
Hyperbolicus Tilley and Duc Parker  
were members of a very pleasant  
canoeing party on Lake Matoaka  
Thursday evening.

Mr. Elliott Dold was in Richmond  
Saturday on business for The Colo-  
nial Echo, which is being rapidly  
rounded into shape by the Whittet  
and Shepperson Company.

Mr. George Oscar Ferguson will  
start this week on a lecture tour for  
the purpose of making the College  
better known. He will take with  
him a large collection of local histor-  
ical views which have been arranged  
in the form of lantern slides.

Mr. L. A. Peatross, '10, who is  
now a student at the Theological  
Seminary, Alexandria, was here for  
several days last week.

Mr. W. E. Miller, an alumnus,  
now attending the Medical College  
of Virginia, attended the german  
Friday evening.

Messrs. Haskins, Lewis, Schenck  
and Barbour were here Saturday  
with the Medical College team.

Miss Virginia Peachy who has been  
on an extended visit in Washington  
and Baltimore, returned home today.

Mr. Chas. R. Bagley, '11, was ex-  
pected here yesterday with the  
Trinity College baseball team was  
prevented from coming by sickness.

Mr. C. Ambler Willcox, of Nor-  
folk, was a guest at the Pi Kappa  
Alpha House Saturday and Sunday.  
Miss Florine Kinney returned to  
Charlottesville Saturday.

The Rev. J. H. Stone, D. D., will  
deliver a lecture in the College  
Chapel on Thursday, May 9, at 8 p.  
m., on "Some Memories of the Mis-  
sion Field." The students and pub-  
lic are cordially invited.

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### LETTER ON GERMAN QUESTION

and did not want to sign the agreement. However, Theta Delta Chi was still heartily in favor of the move. At the conclusion of this meeting it was first decided that the representatives of the four fraternities go in a body to see Pres. Tyler about getting nights, but later it was agreed that each go separately. So the representative of Theta Delta Chi secured from Pres. Tyler Monday night of Finals for their german.

Since the germans are given in the College Gymnasium and as a part of the College Finals, Theta Delta Chi feels that they should be open to all the fraternities that care to give them, on equal terms. We have been actuated all the time by this feeling, which alone accounts for our actions. It is not now our policy, has never been, and we trust never shall be, to sow strife among the Student-body as a whole or any part of it. Neither is it our desire to detract in any way whatever from the interest and pleasure of Finals. On the contrary, we stand willing

to lend any aid that we can in making them a success.

As regards the recent "Pan-Hellenic Meeting," we did not agree to cut for dates at Finals, neither did we disagree to do so. If the other three fraternities had agreed to give Final germans, Theta Delta Chi would have been glad to cut for the nights, even though she had to cancel her order for invitations, which had already been placed. We were informed that two of the three fraternities would not give germans, which of course, made it unnecessary for us to take any official action.

Furthermore, Theta Delta Chi never was opposed to taking the night of the Final Ball for one of the fraternity germans. Also we stand ready to make any reasonable concession to make Finals a success.

Trusting that we have made our position in this matter clear, we are

Yours very truly,

H. W. Vaden.

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